Security Agency Overstaffing to Get Senate Check

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Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D., Wash., said yesterday that a new subcommittee he heads will look into "overstaffing in national security agencies."

Without singling out any agencies by name, Sen. Jackson said in a statement after an organizing meeting of the subcommittee that "the size of many government offices has swelled beyond the real requirements."

"Too many people doing work that does not really need doing is not only costly but, more important, it slows down and hampers the work of good people," he added.

The subcommittee on National Security Staffing and Operations is a unit of the Senate Government Operations Committee. Its inquiries will embrace the State and Defense Departments and related agencies as well as inter-agency problems in the national security field.

Besides an inquiry into overstaffing, Sen. Jackson said the subcommittee decided to initiate a study of career planning and development in the national security area.

Among large employers," he said, "the U. S. government is virtually alone in not having a program to prepare able and promising employees as generalists for posts of high responsibilty.